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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE

1. AMBASSADOR YAQUB KHAN CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB JUNE 1 PRIMARILY TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT A WASHINGTON POST/ LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE WHICH HAD APPEARED THAT MORNING. PAB COUNTRY DIRECTOR LANDE WAS ALSO PRESENT. THE AMBASSADOR OPENED THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING PLEASURE AT THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED IN PARIS. HABIB REPLIED THAT OUR REPORTS OF THE MEETING HAD UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP.

2. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE WASHINGTON POST/LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE, HABIB REPLIED THAT THE VIEWS IN THE MEMORANDUM WERE THOSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD NO AUTHORITY TO SPEAK ON U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS AND WHO WAS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THIS SUBJECT. THE ARTICLE IN
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NO WAY REFLECTS THE VIEW OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND NSC. HABIB STRESSED THAT THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN PARIS WAS THE STATEMENT OF THE USG'S VIEWS AND HE HOPED THAT THE GOP WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT. WE ARE NOT INVOLVED IN PAKISTAN'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OR SPECULATION ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WAS DELICATE BUT IT HAD BEEN PUT BACK INTO PERSPECTIVE IN THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH

THE FOREIGN MINISTER. AMBASSADOR YAQUB KHAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THIS EXPLANATION AND STATED THAT HE WOULD PASS IT ON TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. HABIB STATED THAT WE HAD BEEN VERY CAREFUL ABOUT OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON BILATERAL PROBLEMS, BUT THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECIPROCITY IN THIS CONNECTION. HE NOTED THAT THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, TAHIR MOHAMMED KHAN, HAD RECENTLY MADE A SPEECH IN KARACHI ATTACKING THE UNITED STATES FOR INTERVENING IN PAKISTAN'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. HE READ THE AMBASSADOR SELECTED QUOTES FROM THIS SPEECH (ISLAMABAD'S 5611). THE AMBASSADOR STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS SPEECH BUT THAT HE WOULD EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THIS TYPE OF SPEECH IN HIS OWN REPORTING TO ISLAMABAD.

3. THE AMBASSADOR THEN RAISED THE SUBJECT OF VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS TO PAKISTAN. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD RAISED THIS SUBJECT BEFORE AND HAD BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE THE VOA HAD GONE BEYOND STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BE PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY. HABIB NOTED THAT THE VOA'S PRINCIPAL TASK WAS TO CARRY NEWS AND THAT BY LAW THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT INTERFERE IN THIS. LANDE NOTED THAT OUR CHECKS WITH THE VOA INDICATED THAT THE VOA HAD CARRIED NO COMMENTARY. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, REVIEW THE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY.

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